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1. CONFERENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, SPONSORED BY THE AFRICAN CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES, SCHEDULED TO BEGIN FEB 16 AT PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY IN KHARTOUM. APPROXIMATELY 25 DELEGATES FROM MANY AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND SOME LIBERATION MOVEMENTS EXPECTED TO ATTEND. OPENING SESSION SCHEDULED TO BE ADDRESSED BY PRESIDENT NIMEIRI AND MINISTER FOR ENDOWMENTS AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS DR. AWN AL-SHARIEF GASIM. RUDOLPH GRIMES (LIBERIA) HAS BEEN DESIGNATED CHAIRMAN. FOLLOWING OPENING SESSION, CONFERENCE WILL CONVENE AT EXCELSIOR HOTEL UNTIL CLOSING FEB 22.

2. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS AGENDA WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF TIES BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND STRUGGLE TO ACHIEVE THE RIGHTS OF MAN. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CONFEREES WILL ALSO EXAMINE THE QUESTION OF CHURCH PARTICIPATION IN AIDING OPPRESSED PEOPLES, WHICH SOURCES TAKE TO MEAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA, SOUTHWEST AFRICA AND RHODESIA.
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